

SITUATION REPORT NO. 2
INCIDENT NO. 2003-023
DATE: March 27, 2003 Time 4:15 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Spring Storms and Flooding - On March 26-27, significant accumulations of snow occurred in northeast North Dakota.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No deaths or injuries have been reported in North Dakota.
3. DAMAGES: Sporadic power outages have been reported. Several traffic accidents have also occurred due to the hazardous weather conditions. Several broken tree branches resulted from the weight of the wet, heavy snow.

In Ramsey County, the city of Devils Lake received four inches of snow, while areas near the city of Edmore received up to eight inches. Five to eight inches of snow fell in Walsh County with the highest accumulations occurring in the city of Park River and areas west of that community. In Pembina County, four inches of snow fell in the cities of Drayton and Pembina, six inches in the city of Cavalier, 12 inches in the area near the city of Edinburg, and up to eight inches in areas surrounding the city of Walhalla.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: Agencies providing assistance within Walsh, Pembina and Ramsey Counties include the following: emergency management departments, highway departments, sheriff's departments, communication departments, as well as city police and public works departments.

STATE: Agencies involved include the N.D. Highway Patrol, the N.D. Department of Transportation, the N.D. Division of Emergency Management, and the N.D. State Radio Communications.

FEDERAL: The National Weather Service provided weather analysis and forecasts.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: Weather spotters provided information regarding snowfall amounts.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Personnel from the N.D. Department of Transportation were engaged in snow removal and distributing salt and sand on roadways. The N.D. Highway Patrol provided traffic control and assistance to individuals involved in traffic accidents.

The Walsh County Sheriff's Department issued a no travel advisory.

County and city maintenance crews are clearing traffic routes while local law enforcement agencies are providing traffic control.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No assistance has been requested.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No assistance has been requested.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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